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LAUREATE

2018 NOVELIST

2018 PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The City of Raleigh Arts Commission, Durham Arts Council, Orange County Arts Commission, and United Arts Council of Raleigh & Wake County announce the opening of the application process for the position of Piedmont Laureate for 2018. Applications for the position are due **September 22, 2017 by 5pm.**

MISSION

The Piedmont Laureate program, co-sponsored by the City of Raleigh Arts Commission, Durham Arts Council, Orange County Arts Commission, and United Arts Council of Raleigh & Wake County, has as its primary goal *“to promote awareness and heighten appreciation for excellence in the literary arts in the Piedmont region.”* The program is dedicated to building a literary bridge for residents to come together and celebrate the art of writing, enriching the lives of all our citizens.

PROGRAM GOALS

The Piedmont Laureate will be appointed for one year and will offer the following activities in Wake, Durham, and Orange counties:

- Present readings at designated public sites (libraries, arts centers, schools, universities, and other community gathering places);
- Encourage creative writing for all age groups (by offering workshops or other types of outreach);
- Promote literature at select public events;
- Bring attention to literature in less traditional settings; and
- Propose original activities to expand appreciation of the literary arts.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Piedmont Laureate will be selected by a committee appointed by the sponsoring agencies. Each year the program will be open to writers creating work in a selected literary genre (poetry, novels, plays, etc.).

For the 2018 cycle, applications will be accepted from novelists.

The application process will be open to all writers residing in Wake, Durham, or Orange counties who meet the guideline criteria. The program guidelines and application form are available on the Piedmont Laureate website: www.piedmontlaureate.com. Upon review of all applications, the finalist(s) will be invited to meet with the committee. Applicants will be notified in December. Announcement of the candidate selected will be made in January, 2018, and the Piedmont Laureate appointment will run from January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018.

LAUREATE PROFILE

The Piedmont Laureate must be 18 years of age or older and have been a resident of Wake, Durham, or Orange counties for at least one year. Candidates should plan on maintaining residency in Wake, Durham, or Orange counties for the duration of their appointment as Laureate.

Candidates will demonstrate:

- Exemplary writing skill;
- Significant body of published work;
- Comfort with public presentation and interaction; and
- Availability and willingness to travel in Wake, Durham, and Orange counties for scheduled readings, workshops, and other public events.

RECOGNITION

The Piedmont Laureate will receive an honorarium of \$6,000 (distributed in two payments). Additionally, the Laureate will be recognized at various area events and receive media coverage related to the Laureate program.

EXPECTATIONS

Specific outreach activities for the Piedmont Laureate program, planned in conjunction with the sponsoring agencies, will reflect the program's stated goals, including:

- Public readings and other creative writing activities;
- Participation at select public functions;
- Media appearances (not to exceed 6); and
- Creation of at least one (1) original activity to expand appreciation of literature.

Additionally, the Piedmont Laureate will be encouraged to offer suggestions for future projects that will inspire public engagement and support of the literary arts.

APPLICATION

The following materials must be digitally submitted by 5 pm on the deadline date of September 22, 2017:

Completed application materials should be saved as a single PDF file and submitted via e-mail to Belva Parker at Belva.parker@raleighnc.gov

- **Single PDF should contain (in the following order):**
- Completed application form;
- Letter of interest (1-2 pages) detailing how you would contribute as Piedmont Laureate based on the position description and the goals of the program;
- PDF of novel manuscript pages **or** scans of up to 10 LEGIBLE pages of published work. Work submitted must have been completed in the last five years;
- Resume not to exceed 3 pages, with an emphasis on literary achievements;
- Two (2) letters of support; and
- Authors may submit (optional) up to 2 critical reviews of work.

The selection committee reserves the right to ask for additional information as needed.

SPONSORS



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2018 Application Form for Novelists

*Deadline: All materials must be **received** by September 22, 2017*

(Form may be completed by pen, if handwriting is legible.)

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS (No P.O. Boxes) _____

CITY AND ZIP CODE _____

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: ☐ Durham ☐ Orange ☐ Wake

PHONE (Day) _____ (EVE) _____ (CELL) _____

EMAIL _____

WEBSITE _____

TITLE OF WORK(S) SUBMITTED AS WORK SAMPLE(S)

(Please also list where work has appeared in print and date(s) of publication, if available.)

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I certify that I am the sole author of the work submitted above, and that I have been a resident of Wake, Durham, or Orange Counties for at least one year.

Signature

Date

Submission Checklist

- ☐ Completed application form ☐ Work samples ☐ Letter of Interest
☐ Resume ☐ Letters of support ☐ Critical reviews (optional)

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.

Please refer to the program description and guidelines for additional information. Completed applications are due September 22, 2017 by 5 pm. The application and all requested materials must be saved as a single PDF file and submitted by email to **Belva.parker@raleighnc.gov**.

For additional information, please call 919-996-3610 or email **Belva.parker@raleighnc.gov**.